

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY LOSE APPROPRIATIONS

**Twenty-Three Boards Fail to File Financial Statements**

### NEW CODE PROVISIONS

**Time Limit Now August 1— Was September 1 Under the Old School Law**

Because they failed to comply with the provisions of the new school code in filing promptly their financial statement with the county superintendent by the specified time, 23 school districts in Washington county stand in grave danger of losing their state appropriation. Under the old law the time limit for filing the financial statement was September 1. The new code changed this to August 1. In order to secure an appropriation all districts under county supervision are required to file their statement of finances with the county superintendent, who transcribes them, and transmits a copy to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. District superintendents must do the same. State appropriations are calculated on the information contained in this financial statement and in a statement of the number of teachers and pupils and the population.

Delinquent districts in filing their report with County Superintendent Crumrine are:

Amwell township, Blaine township, Canonsburg, Cecil, Cross Creek, Deemston, Donora, East Washington, Ellsworth, Finleyville, North Franklin township, Hanover township, Houston, Long Branch, Midway, North Charleroi, Peters township, East Pike Run township, Roscoe, Smith township, Somerset township, Stockdale and South Strabane.

In addition to the financial statement the districts are required to file an affidavit setting forth the number of months taught, the studies carried in the schools and the fact that the compulsory school law has been carried out. The matter lies largely with the various secretaries of the school boards. Many districts are prompt every year in getting their statements in while others lag behind. The amount of the state appropriations to schools does not vary largely from year to year. Last year the schools of Washington county received a total of \$122,814.

State Treasurer Wright will begin the general payment of school funds for the year beginning July 1, some time during the next two weeks. The work of handing out the funds to the school districts has been held back for a short time owing to slow collections, due to delay in tax settlements, but these have now been settled by Auditor General Sisson, and it is expected that the big corporations, such as the railroad and trolley companies, and a few of the large industrial companies, will soon be called upon to send in their checks, when the work of paying the school districts will go on uninterrupted, and as fast as reports are received from districts they will get their money. Wednesday was the last day for the return of tax on personal property from the counties, and but few remain unreturned.

## Table Placed in Position

**"Rubbing Bed" Arrive for Use in Carrara Department of Plate Works**

A new "rubbing bed," for the grinding room of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass plant here to be used in the operation of the Carrara department has arrived, and during the next week or ten days, workmen will be engaged in putting it in position. Sunday the device, a heavy circular shaped piece about 20 or 25 feet in diameter was unloaded from the flat car at the Plate Glass siding by a wrecking train and crew of the Pennsylvania railroad. It took them but a few moments, using their big crane to get the affair off its bed, and to carry it to the place it belonged.

## MYSTERY IN DEATH OF MINER

**Belle Vernon Man Found on Steps Leading to School House**

### MURDER IS ONE THEORY

Mystery surrounds the death of John Coneghan, aged 42, a well-known miner of Belle Vernon, whose dead body was found on steps leading to the Belle Vernon school house at about 3 o'clock Sunday morning by Frank Beeman. Constable J. W. Anderson found that while there were no traces of blood on the schoolhouse steps, Coneghan had fresh wounds on the right temple, above the right eye and under the chin. County Detective Frank Smith, of Fayette county and the Belle Vernon authorities are working on a murder theory. No money was found in the man's pockets.

Coneghan was about Belle Vernon Saturday night and it is stated two men were seen with him. They were drinking some, but not it is thought enough to cause intoxication. It is possible that Coneghan fell and received his wounds and dragged himself to the schoolhouse. Constable Anderson has in his possession a stone showing blood marks which was found about a hundred feet from where the body was discovered.

Deputy Coroner John W. Gordon took charge of the body and had it

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### NOTICE

Bids will be received for furnishing the North Charleroi Schools with coal, 1,000 bushels, more or less. Bids will be received until Aug. 15th. O. R. Chew, Lock No. 4.

310-t3

## WORK IS STARTED ON TROLLEY LINE

**Westside Street Railways Company Expects to Have Service Instituted at Bentleyville Within Few Months**

Today the first work on the construction of an electric railways line through Bentleyville was started by the Westside Railways company. It is expected that in the event of good weather not many months will elapse until cars are running. The work of construction will be done under the direction of D. R. Callagher, of Belle Vernon, general manager for the company.

The extent of the line through Bentleyville will be about two miles

and a half to Ellsworth. According to the statement of one of the officials of the company work will be continued throughout the winter, weather permitting.

The Westside Street Railways company secured a franchise to build in Bentleyville last winter. It is the intention to extend the line from Charleroi connecting up the two places just as soon as possible. Some rights of way have yet to be secured before this line can be gotten under way.

## AUGUST WEATHER RECORDS BROKEN

**Cold Spell Brings Mercury Down to Unprecedented Mark—Weather Bureau Announces Itself All at Sea**

While the weather bureau is announcing itself as "non-plussed" over the unusual cold spell, summer vacationists and baseball fans and the people generally are suffering. Gas stoves have been unearthed in a large number of homes. On the street Sunday evening, with the mercury reaching down into the forties a combination of furs and white shoes was not unusual. Men addicted to the summer fashion of wearing no more than is absolutely necessary have hunted out their last winter's vest, and are making them work.

According to the official tempera-

ture taken in Pittsburgh the temperature fell to 53 degrees on August 1, the record for that date. On August 3, it marked 51, again smashing the tabulation for that day. But Sunday it dropped officially to 49 degrees, which knocked the world's record into a crimson fizzle. Today's forecast is for fair and continued cold.

Persons just back from the vacations complain of cold weather during the last two weeks. Office electric fans haven't been used for a similar length of time. At some of the summer resorts it is stated lately the sight of men wearing straw hats and overcoats has not been uncommon.

## STORE WRECKED; MAFIA BLAMED

**Axelton Italian Pays Little Attention to Threats of Black Hand**

Tony Castena, an Italian living at Axelton, across the river from Monongahela, paid little attention to three alleged Black Hand letters he received threatening him, if he didn't leave money at a certain place. This morning at about 3 o'clock he heard a terrific explosion in his store, in the same building in which he lived. Rushing to the scene he found that the store had been wrecked. A can of powder about which had been piled a quantity of canned goods had been exploded.

## WILL SING AT WEEKLY WINTER CLUB DANCE

Miss Blanche Babbitt, the former Charleroi girl, who has been delighting audiences at Schanley's, in New York city has been engaged to sing at the Winter Club dance at Eldora Park on Tuesday evening. Miss Babbitt had been singing in New York with various opera troupes for about three years until this year, when she secured the engagement at Schanley's.

**Winter Club Dance**  
The Winter Club of Charleroi, will hold their weekly dance at Eldora Park on Tuesday, August 6. Select Wheeler's orchestra. 311-t2

**Notice to Taxpayers.**  
The 1912 school and borough taxes are now payable. 5 per cent discount on borough until Sept. 30, 1912. School tax at face until Sept. 30, 1912, beginning Oct. 1, 5 per cent will be added to school tax.

J. W. Mathias, Tax Collector.  
Office 2nd floor First National Bank Building, 5th and McKean Ave. 311-t6

**Curb Market Tomorrow**  
All kinds of good things direct from the farm. 296-2twf

## BOILERS TO BE PUT INTO USE

**County Making Thorough Tests of Its Own Heating and Ventilating Plant**

Before the end of this week, it is expected the heating, ventilating and lighting plant owned by the county at the county court house at Washington, will be in operation. A contract with the West Penn Electric company, which was held for six years, expired on August 1, and on that date the county had experts start tests of the boilers and apparatus composing the county plant. Coal and wood were used in firing the boilers. A number of pounds of steam was raised the first day, and the boilers appeared to work entirely satisfactorily.

A battery of three boilers forms the plant, but only two of these will be used regularly, one kept in reserve. The suggestion has been made that the county use gas instead of coal, and that a gas well be drilled on the county premises. If this is done the expense will be reduced to almost nothing.

## TO ASSUME CHARGE OF MONACA OFFICE

Malcolm Maguire, of Charleroi, who has been employed at Monessen by the American Express company will leave Tuesday for Monaca, where he will take charge of the office of the company. The promotion is a good one. The territory at Monaca will be something similar to that at Monessen.

**Grand Circuit Races.**  
Cars every half hour on Charleroi line for great trotting meeting at Brunot's Island, Pittsburg, August 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Connections at north end of tunnel for ferries to Island. 310-tt

**Curb Market Tomorrow.**  
Get the green goods direct from the farm. 296-2twf

## GIRL CHOKED TO DEATH BY AN UNKNOWN FIEND

**Killed by a Cave In**

**Jas. Melville, Spanish-American War Veteran Meets Death at Monongahela**

Jame Melville, aged 40, a former member of Company A, Tenth regiment, and a veteran of the Spanish American war, died at the Memorial Hospital, Monongahela this morning at about 10 o'clock from injuries received in a cave-in at a shaft of the River Coal combine on the William Sampson farm at about 8 o'clock this morning. Louis Martin was working with Melville, but escaped with minor bruises and injuries. The shaft was being sunk by Ed. Neil, a contractor.

## TWELVE CAUGHT IN RAID

**Alleged Gambling Joint at Washington Closed by Police.**

### NUMEROUS JOHN DOES

Two games were just at their most interesting stage Sunday morning at 1 o'clock when Washington police officers and detectives swooped down on an alleged gambling joint in the old Pony club headquarters at that place. Twelve alleged players and the supposed proprietor, Bert Shock, were caught in the dragnet. Six managed to elude the officers and are at liberty. Players captured were escorted to police headquarters where they were released upon posting a forfeit of \$5 each. Shock was lodged in the county jail. Some of the men arrested, it is stated, are well known in Washington. Their names on the police roll, however do not indicate such. John Doe was a popular name with the crowd, while John Jones and Tom Brown was the identity furnished by others.

It is stated that this particular room has been in operation just three weeks. The Pony club which formerly flourished in the same quarters recently went out of business following the action of Judge J. A. McIlvaine in putting the ban on drinking clubs.

Elmer Tomlinson son of Thomas Tomlinson, the jeweler, and until lately employed at the printing establishment of Louis Goaxiou, of the L'Union des Travailleurs, left today for the state of Washington. He will locate in Washington, Oregon or British Columbia.

Fresh milk 8 cents a quart, skim milk 10 cents per gallon, butter milk 5 cents per quart or 15 cents per gallon. Schmiekase 10 cents a pint at Orange's. 311-t6

**Pretty German Miss Victim of Awful Crime at Manifold**

### BODY HIDDEN IN BUSHES

**Dead Girl's Dog Leads Anxious Parent to Scene of Revolting Murder**

An unknown fiend, for whom Sheriff R. G. Lutton and a posse of county officers have been searching for since Sunday morning, choked to death pretty 18-year old Celia Funka of Manifold Saturday. Her throat showing the marks of the brute's hand and her torn clothing gave evidence of a serious crime committed preceding the murder, the girl's body was found by her father Sunday morning at about 10:30 o'clock hidden in a clump of bushes near a path leading to Manifold. The body was covered by grass and discovery was made only through the aid of a favorite dog of the dead girl.

Saturday morning Celia left Manifold for Washington to have a dress exchanged for her mother. She failed to put in appearance Saturday at noon and the parents telephoning found that she had not been at the Washington store at all. The father started on a search that lasted until Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. After two hours, he started out again, followed by the dog. They finally located the body in the bushes. Beside her body was the wrapper which she had taken with her to have exchanged for her mother. At her feet were her shoes, which had been taken off, her belt, and two combs.

Seeing she was dead, the distracted father ran home and summoned Dr. Brenna from Manifold. An examination showed that the only marks were on the neck where her assailant had choked the girl to death. On both sides of the neck were the imprints of the brute's fingers, the marks of his nails being easily discernible. The clothes of the young woman showed that she had made a desperate struggle for her honor, but was finally overcome by the strength of the fiend. There was no evidence to show that the motive had been robbery.

The girl had been keeping company with several young men but these were all speedily cleared of suspicion as it was learned just exactly where they were during Saturday. The young woman bore an excellent reputation and character.

The murder occurred in a secluded section some distance from any house and it is presumed that the girl's cries could not have been heard. Sheriff R. G. Lutton, and other county officials went over the scene, but could locate no clues. The stricken father said that when he found the body, he saw a man's face peering from the bushes nearby, but in his distress over his discovery made no effort to follow him.

Coroner James T. Heffran will arrange an inquest. Dr. Brennan held a post mortem, Sunday night and found that death was due to strangulation and that the girl had been cruelly misused while she was being slowly choked to death.

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## Aug. 4 in American History

1823—Oliver Perry Morton, statesman  
born; died 1877.  
1862—President Lincoln first ordered a  
draft to fill the state quotas for  
volunteers.  
1886—Samuel Jones Tilden, Democrat-  
ic candidate for president in 1876  
died; born 1814.

## ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)  
Sun sets 7:12, rises 5. Evening stars:  
Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter. Morn-  
ing star: Saturn.

## Aug. 5 in American History.

1777—Battle of Germantown; defeat of the  
British; American commander Gen-  
eral Nicholas Herkimer mortally  
wounded.  
1812—Battle of Brownstown. Mr. H.  
British and Indians defeated Major  
Van Horne's Ohio volunteers.  
1868—The American end of the first  
Atlantic cable laid at Trinity bay.  
1862—Battle of Baton Rouge. La. Con-  
federates repulsed in an attack on  
the town; Federal General Thomas  
Williams killed.  
1864—Farragut's naval victory in Mo-  
bile bay.  
1888—General Philip Henry Sheridan,  
U. S. A., died; born 1831.  
1910—President Taft dedicated monu-  
ment at Provincetown, Mass., to  
the pilgrims.

## ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)  
Sun sets 7:11, rises 5:01. Evening  
stars: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter.  
Morning star: Saturn.

## THE FIRST AMENDMENT.

As will be noticed by the news-  
papers, Secretary of the Common-  
wealth McAfee advertises five pro-  
posed constitutional amendments, for  
their approval or rejection by the  
voters at the election in November.  
All of these proposed amendments  
are vital to the public welfare, and  
should be intelligently read and stud-  
ied by the voters before they pass  
judgment on them at the polls.

The first of these proposed amend-  
ments is perhaps the most impor-  
tant. It is for the purpose of giving  
the State permission to issue bonds  
to the extent of fifty million dollars  
for the purpose of improving the  
State highways, in accordance with  
the comprehensive plans instigated  
by Governor Tener, which if carried  
out will place Pennsylvania at the  
head of all the States in the perma-  
nent improvement of the roads. The  
proposed amendment is simple in its  
provisions, as it merely grants the  
State the privilege to create this  
debt, which the constitution now pro-  
hibits. Every voter, however, should  
read the joint resolution enacted by  
the last legislature, which places the  
question before the people for its ac-  
ceptance or rejection at the polls,

in order to be sure that he thoroughly  
understands that the "first proposed  
amendment" means the improvement  
of the State highways.

This is not a partisan matter, but  
a most important economic problem.  
The State is out of debt and can as-  
sume this obligation without bur-  
dening the individual taxpayer with  
any more taxes than he pays at pres-  
ent, and each voter should bear in  
mind that favorable action on this  
matter at the polls is imperative for  
the future welfare of himself and  
every other citizen of the common-  
wealth.

## WHAT THEY REALLY MEAN

The Democratic members of the  
American Congress have gotten as  
far away from their pre-election  
pledges as their candidate for the  
Presidency has gotten away from the  
platform and principles of the party.  
When the successful effort was  
making to change the political com-  
plexion of the lower House of Con-  
gress the Democratic candidates  
pledged themselves to sustain the con-  
stitution of the country, to demon-  
strate that Democracy was entirely  
competent and worthy of trust and  
confidence. The Democrats in na-  
tional convention pledged their party  
to almost sublime patriotism and a  
speedy and a radical revision of the  
tariff as well as a lot of other things.

The Democrats elected to Congress  
on these pledges have been almost  
continually in session. They have  
failed absolutely to redeem any and  
all of those pledges. They have at-  
tempted to reconstruct the constitu-  
tion to their own liking. They have  
shied at tariff revision of any kind.  
They have defaulted in maintaining  
the country's standing among the  
nations and even the necessary ex-  
penses of the government have been  
forced along by existing legislation.  
Woodrow Wilson, the candidate of  
the Democracy for President has at-  
tempted to guide his Democratic  
brethren in Congress. But what he  
wants they refuse to give. In his dis-  
gust he has assured the country that  
he does not mean what the Democrat-  
ic platform proclaims and that in ad-  
dition he favors going at tariff revis-  
ion with great caution and careful-  
ly considered steps.

The cold facts are that neither the  
Democracy nor its Presidential candi-  
date means anything aside from get-  
ting into office.

## ELECTRIC SPARKS

One thing you can't do is start an  
auto by twisting its tail.

Marrying a prominent actress is a  
sure road to semi-obscurity.

Fear of microbes and a doctor will  
lead to their discovery and a big bill.

An exchange describes a second-  
hand typewriter as the widow in his  
friend Blither's office.

Some people have reached the con-  
clusion that there are other kinds of  
intemperance than with booze.

Picnics today are about as much  
like the picnics of 50 years ago as a  
cat chorus is like a band concert.

Some bookkeepers do not seem to  
care who they charge an account to  
as long as it is charged and their  
books balance.

Gasoline on one's clothes may in-  
dicate the wearer has been auto rid-  
ing, but more often it indicates an  
amateur has been cleaning the clothes.

## The Politics Time

When old Politics is blin'  
Don't it keep the country rlin'  
Mighty little time for smiling.  
Makes old Happiness a rover,  
Shades the sky with clouds all over,  
Keeps the cows from fields of clover.  
But it's got to come, and coming,  
Like a regiment a drumming,  
Let it set the world a humming.

—Atlantic Constitution.

Just at the time grafting is becom-  
ing fashionable Washington county  
comes to the front with its little  
case. There's no use talking this old  
county of ours cannot be kept out of

the limelight.  
"Wonder what has become of our  
old friend, the sea serpent," asks an  
exchange. We know a man who re-  
cently saw two, and he didn't go out  
of town either.

Col. Roosevelt has announced that  
he is going to perforate Taft's speech.  
There is plenty of time left before  
election for Taft to perforate not only  
Roosevelt's speech, but Roosevelt.

Mexican government men are in a  
hurry to learn flying so they can go  
down and scare the insurgents. Prob-  
ably they will succeed in stirring up a  
brand new revolution.

"It's unhandy to be rich," declares  
the "office boy" of the Johnstown  
Leader, "an' hev to call yer soup all  
them unpronounceable names and hev  
t' drink sham pane."

It looks as though things were com-  
ing to a pass that to call a woman  
who was never married even a bach-  
elor maid will be dangerous.

The most notable difference be-  
tween Pittsburgh and New York girls  
is that the complexion of the former  
isn't quite as deep as that of the  
latter.

The Bull Moose people will have to  
do more drum beating than one thinks  
them capable of to make the noise  
in Chicago the Democrats did in Bal-  
timore.

## PICKED UP IN PASSING

"These reforms which the so-called  
Progressives propose to install, should  
they win at the coming election, re-  
minds me of the time when Populism  
was in the ascendancy in the west,"  
said an old timer, who keeps close tab  
on the political situation. "At a big po-  
litical mass meeting held in one of the  
western cities, when the Populists had  
begun to get pretty nearly every-  
thing coming their way, a speaker  
was declaiming as to how they would  
revolutionize things when they had  
complete control of the national gov-  
ernment. He told how they proposed  
to knock out all the big corporations,  
to repeal every law that affected  
public policy, and to create industry  
which would bring prosperity and  
profit to every man, woman and child  
in the country.

"The tariff was bitterly attacked,  
and the speaker declared that they  
would repeal every law which placed  
a tax on what people had to eat or  
wear, and make the manufacturers  
pay the taxes."

"How about the law of supply and  
demand?" queried a listener.

"We don't care nothing about  
that, either," shouted a hard fisted  
Populist in the audience, who was in  
sympathy with the speaker. "We'll  
repeal that law too."

It is related that at one of the  
schools at the "Point" in Pittsburgh the  
teacher of an intermediate grade  
undertook to instruct the pupils in  
original composition. She required  
each to write the synopsis of a simple  
play in three acts, giving the charac-  
ters as well as the basis of action,  
which were to be framed along the  
lines of a sample written by the teach-  
er on the blackboard. The palm, for  
originality, at least, was awarded to  
a small boy, whose subject was, "How  
the Flag Was Created." The lad's  
synopsis was as follows:

Act I. Two Revolutionary sol-  
diers. First soldier—"Gee, ain't it  
fierce that we ain't got no flag for  
this here revolution". Second sol-  
dier—"It sure is fierce that we ain't  
got no flag for this here revolution".  
Act II. Revolutionary soldier and  
George Washington. Revolutionary  
soldier—"Ain't it fierce, Gen. Wash-  
ington, that we ain't got no flag for  
this here revolution?" George Wash-  
ington—"Yes, it is fierce that we ain't  
got no flag."  
Act III. George Washington and  
Betty Ross. George Washington—  
"Ain't it fierce, Mrs. Ross, that we  
ain't got no flag for this here revolu-  
tion?" Betty Ross—"It sure is fierce.  
Gen. Washington, that we ain't got no  
flag. Just hold the baby, and I'll  
make one."

And thus it was that "The Creation  
of the Flag" was dramatized, with  
the heroic figures of history playing  
a leading part.

## "Blessing to Women."

is what one grateful woman calls Ly-  
dia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-  
pound. This is because after suffer-  
ing for six long, weary years with a  
weakness so prevalent among her sex,  
she was restored to perfect health  
by this famous medicine for woman's  
ills.

This has been the experience of  
thousands of grateful women who  
have depended upon this tried and  
true remedy.

## ASSESSORS MEET AT COUNTY SEAT

Receive Instructions Today  
on Method of Procedure  
This Fall

John L. Reeves, who recently was  
appointed assessor of Charleroi to  
take the place of Allen S. Mansfield  
resigned, went to Washington today  
to attend a meeting of the 75 assess-  
ors of the county, being held at the  
instance of the county commissioners.  
No formal program was prepared  
for the meeting to be held today. The  
principal topic for discussion is the  
printed instructions to assessors. The  
clerical force in the commissioners'  
office under the direction of Chief  
Clerk Harry Campbell has been hard  
at work during the last few weeks  
getting the blank books for the as-  
sessors in shape for them to begin  
work. The work is one of unusual  
magnitude, this being the triennial  
assessment year.

## BE ARRESTED?

WHY CERTAINLY!

Vesta Man Acquiesces to Re-  
quest to Enter Lockup With  
Chesterfieldian Grace

"Come on over," called Chief of  
Police C. W. Albright from the win-  
dow of the burgess' office to a man he  
saw going up the opposite side of  
the street Sunday morning. The man  
started across the street. The Chief  
met him at the lockup door.

"Come on in," he urged, smilingly.

"Aw, no, chief, thank you. I'd  
rather not and besides—"

"Yes come on. You may as well."

"Well, Albright, I'll come in awhile.

And without further ado, John Lang,  
of Vesta, walked into the lockup and  
to a cell which the chief designated,  
there to slumber until called to an-  
swer the charge of drunkenness before  
Budgets George W. Risbeck.

## STRIKE MAY REACH ALLEGHENY COURTS

Four Hundred Men Quit Work  
at Manown Mine Following  
Brief Trouble

A strike which it is said will not  
be settled until the Allegheny county  
courts hand down an opinion on a  
case heard before a justice is in pro-  
gress at the Manown mine of the  
Pittsburgh Coal company across the  
river from Monongahela. The trouble  
it is claimed was caused by the miners  
local at Manown and 400 men are out  
of the mine. It is stated the dispute  
started over the naming by the miners  
of D. F. BeHanna, Jr., of Bnola, as  
check weighman at the mine. Supt.  
John Shaw stopped the man from  
going to work, charging he had caused  
trouble before. BeHanna has en-  
tered suit against Shaw.

## The London Bobby.

In humor, in urbanity, as in perfect  
control of his district, the London po-  
liceman is the nearest possible ap-  
proach to perfection. To the stranger  
he seems the politest of all the London-  
ers. The shop people in London are,  
in the average, both stupid and rude;  
the supposedly well bred people in Hyde  
park, if a hapless vagabond were to  
come to them for information, would  
be either insolent or unintelligible;  
the policeman, however, seems invariably  
polite, wonderfully well informed and  
furnished with English that is not  
nearly so atrociously cockney as that  
of those who fancy themselves his bet-  
ters. "Vagabond Journeys, the Human  
Comedy at Home and Abroad," by Ter-  
cival Pollard.

## An Explorer's Strategem.

Sir Harry Johnston, the famous ex-  
plorer, once escaped from a very tight  
corner in Africa by a queer strategem.  
A score or two of murderous natives  
had surrounded his tent, into which  
before rushing they sent an envoy.  
The envoy was told the smallpox was  
in the camp, and a wretched Albino  
was sent out as the awful example.  
In five minutes the scared tribesmen  
had vanished. As Sir Harry well knew,  
they feared the "white disease" more  
than all the inventions of Maxim.

## An Accomplishment to Be Revived.

Tommy Harduppe—Can you whistle,  
Mr. Wigwag? Wigwag—No, my boy.  
My whistling days are over. Tommy  
—Then you'd better learn again. Wig-  
wag—Why? Tommy—"Cause I heard  
pap say he owed you some money and  
you'd have to whistle for it.

## FLOATING A TOWN AWAY.

Story of the Origin of Commercial  
Street in Provincetown.

Commercial street in Provincetown  
had an origin in keeping with its pres-  
ent nautical air and appeal to the im-  
agination. The town originally stood  
on the spit of sand far out across the  
harbor, where the lighthouse now is.  
Many years ago the government  
bought Provincetown, houses and all  
in order to protect the harbor from the  
threatening sea. The Provincetownians  
went to the government people and  
asked what they were going to do with  
the houses.

"Pull 'em down, of course," said the  
government.

"Can't we have 'em?" inquired the  
late owners.

"Sure," replied the government. "If  
you'll take 'em away."

"Sure," echoed the Provincetownians.  
Old wreckers that they were, they  
applied their technique to the problems of  
house moving. They bulkheaded their  
dwellings up, necklaced empty casks  
about them in the way of life preser-  
vers, and one sunny morning the village  
of Provincetown, true to its maritime  
traditions, set sail, schoolhouse and all,  
and came floating kaily across the har-  
bor to where it now stands. Near the  
railway track today they point out a  
certain store as the original seafaring  
schoolhouse of Metropolitan Magazine.

## THE CURIOUS SNAIL.

This Creature Can Live Without Air,  
Water or Nourishment.

While the snail has lungs, heart and  
a general circulation and is in every  
respect an air breathing creature, it  
can nevertheless exist indefinitely with-  
out inhaling the least breath of air, the  
element that is usually considered the  
essential to existence in all creatures  
supplied with lungs.

"To all organized creatures," said  
Lepper, "the removal of oxygen, wa-  
ter, nourishment and heat causes death  
to ensue." When that statement was  
made Lepper did not appear to con-  
sider the snail as one among the "great  
host of 'organized beings'" for experi-  
ments by Spallanzani have proved that  
any or all the usual life conditions can  
be removed in the case of the snail  
without terminating its existence or in  
any way impairing its functions.

The common snail retreats into his  
shell on the approach of frosty weath-  
er, and the opening or mouth of its  
shell is hermetically sealed by a secre-  
tion which is of a silky texture and  
absolutely impervious to air and water.  
In this condition it is plain that it is  
deprived of three of the four elements  
of life mentioned above—air, water and  
nourishment.—Harper's Weekly.

## Statue With Umbrella.

Some poor art is to be seen in this  
country in the shape of statues dedi-  
cated to the memory of great men, but  
no American monument in this line quite  
equals that which was perpetrated by  
an English sculptor for the town of  
Reading. When the fellow townsman  
of a certain George Palmer of that place  
decided to honor his memory they de-  
termined upon a bronze statue of Pal-  
mer, which should be not merely a  
portrait as to features, but a correct  
presentation of him as he appeared  
among them every day. Accordingly,  
the stranger in Reading is startled by  
the most unconventional of statues,  
with every crease and wrinkle of the  
homely attire of the original repro-  
duced. To complete the effect the statue  
is bareheaded, with silk hat and um-  
brella in hand. It is thought that this  
is the only instance in which the  
necessary, but not entirely beautiful  
umbrella, has been reproduced in  
bronze.—New York Sun.

## He Fooled Her.

"If you were asked to get ready to  
start next Thursday on a long journey  
do you think you could do so?" asked  
her rich employer, who was a wid-  
ower.

"Oh, I—much would depend upon the  
kind of journey it was to be," she  
replied.

"I mean a pleasant journey—a jour-  
ney that would last for a month or  
more."

"And should I have company on the  
journey?"

"Well, I hadn't thought of that. No,  
I don't believe you would. I should  
expect you to go alone."

"Then I don't believe I could get  
ready," she said turning to her type  
writer and making four mistakes in  
the first line of the letter she had be-  
gun.—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Melody Becomes Malady.

That persons have very diverse ideas  
and tastes in music was exemplified  
in an incident at a pupils' vocal re-  
hearsal lately. A young woman was hav-  
ing quite a struggle with a song and  
one woman in the audience said to her  
companion:

"Isn't that a beautiful melody?"

The other looked bored and said:  
"It sounds more like a malady to  
me."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## Making Her Comfortable.

Host's Youngest Don't your shoes  
feel very uncomfortable when you  
walk. Mrs. Newrychey Mrs. New-  
rychey, how do you feel about that ex-  
traordinary question? Why do you ask, child?  
Youngest: "Only 'cos pa said the  
other day you could come into your  
room and be as far too big for your  
shoes."

## 'Tis the Hall of Fame.

"This father's in the hall of fame."  
"Why I didn't know the old gentle-  
man was dead."

"Have to be dead to be in there?"

"Sure."

"Well, he is only in there during the  
week."

**A Real Disciplinarian.**  
The other night we heard a father  
speak thusly: "William, your mother  
tells me that you must have a dose of  
castor oil before retiring tonight. It  
is your bedtime now. Take your medi-  
cine and go to bed at once."  
"But, papa, I don't want to take no  
castor oil."  
"You must take it, and immediately."  
"Aw, papa, I'dwanter!"  
"William, if you don't take that medi-  
cine I'll put you right to bed this min-  
ute without giving you a drop of it."  
William was so scared that he took  
it. That's the way to enforce disci-  
pline.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Eye Photographs.

An image impressed upon the retina  
of the eye remains there an apprecia-  
ble time. This is the reason why a  
torch swung rapidly seems to be a cir-  
cular flame. The sensibility of the  
retina is different at different times of  
the day. Every one has noticed how  
on waking in the morning and looking  
at the bright window, then closing the  
eyes, he will observe an impression of  
phantom of the window for an appre-  
ciable time after his eyes are closed.

## Domestic Bookkeeping.

"And what's your reason for increas-  
ing the servants' wages, pray?" her  
friend asked.

"Because my husband complained  
that my dress and millinery bills  
equaled the household expenses, and I  
want to show him they do not."—Lon-  
don-Tribune.

## Teaching the Teacher.

Mother (whose children have had an  
education superior to her own, to her  
small daughter, whom she is in the act  
of smacking)—"I'll learn you not to con-  
tradict me!" Small Daughter (between  
her sobs)—Teach, mother, teach.—Lon-  
don-Punch.

## A Mystery.

"Mamma, darling, where does the  
die go when it goes out?"  
"Goodness knows, my dear! You  
might just as well ask me where dad-  
dy goes!"—London Answers.

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# TRACING A CRIME.

Clever Detective Work by a University Professor.

## THE KEEN EYES OF SCIENCE.

They Detected Blood Where There Were No Apparent Traces of It and Found Telltale Finger Marks That Pointed Direct to the Criminal.

Mme. Gulian was the wealthy widow of Jean Howard Gulian, former president of the Bank of France. Mme. Gulian was seventy years old. One night she took a train at Fontainebleau for Paris. She had to herself a first class compartment. When the train arrived in Paris the porters found her compartment unoccupied. The door had been half torn from its hinges, there was a great pool of blood on the floor, and the police picked up from the floor a handful of woman's hair, a torn piece of skirt and a first class railroad ticket from Fontainebleau to Paris.

A search along the railroad tracks resulted in the finding of Mme. Gulian's body beside the rails just outside Fontainebleau. It was greatly mangled. A little further on was found the satchel she had carried. There were no rings on her fingers and no money in her pockets.

Mme. Gulian's relatives took the ground that she had been seized with a hemorrhage, to which she was subject, had tried to open the door of her compartment to summon aid or to get air; that she had in her paroxysm wrenched the door open and had fallen off the train, killing herself. The police were not satisfied with this explanation, particularly after Professor Reiss, the famous Lausanne university criminologist, had pointed out that the cut on the woman's satchel had been made by a knife and not by a sharp stone, as had been thought. This, however, was very little evidence, and Professor Reiss turned his attention to the compartment which Mme. Gulian had occupied. After he had finished his investigation he went to M. Leprieu, prefect of Paris, and said to him:

"I am sure that Mme. Gulian was murdered, and I am equally sure that her murderer was a soldier. In the train compartment there were a towel and a stationary wastebasket. There were no stains upon the towel visible to the naked eye. Nevertheless we subjected every square inch to one of the most delicate tests for blood. We at last discovered an area which gave us the positive reaction for human blood."

"Upon this towel the murderer of Mme. Gulian wiped his bloody hands. He knew that this would be evidence that the old woman did not meet her death by accident as he wished it believed, and so he washed the towel thoroughly, as he thought, and hung it up to dry."

"The detection then of this microscopic quantity of blood, which can be removed from a fabric only by acids, revealed to us that Mme. Gulian met death by the hands of a murderer."

"But I found another piece of evidence. There was, if you remember, a railroad ticket picked up on the floor. On its back was the imprint of a thumb. I compared it with that of Mme. Gulian; it was not hers. I threw its image up enormously on a lantern screen. I was then struck by the peculiar indentation of the little ridges on the inner side of the thumb. Careful analysis of these marked ridges showed me that this was the thumb of a man who was actually serving as a soldier. The frequent ridges with guns result in the pressure upon the ridges of the inner side of the thumb. This causes a peculiar flattening, which is visible under a microscope when enlarged and is true of no other occupation except that of a soldier."

"As I reconstruct this crime this soldier managed to get into Mme. Gulian's compartment after the train had left Fontainebleau. He knew that she usually carried a number of jewels and a large sum of money. He tried to rob the old woman, and, meeting with unexpected resistance, fought with her in the compartment, killing her by beating her head against the register and then stripped the body of its jewels. He thoughtlessly wiped his hand upon the towel. He knew that this would be evidence of the presence of some one else in the compartment, so he washes the towel with soap and water, but does not know that we can discover blood even when it is only to the amount of one one-thousandth millimeters."

"He then wrenches the compartment door open and throws out the body. He is pressed for time, rips open the satchel with his knife. Then, taking advantage of the slowing down of the train between Fontainebleau and Paris, he jumps from it and makes his escape."

As a result of Professor Reiss' analysis it was found that two soldiers, Gravy and Michel, had followed Mme. Gulian to the train on the night of her murder. They had hidden in her compartment, and when the train had started they murdered her, as Professor Reiss had indicated. The rest of the reconstruction was proved at the trial of these two men. They both confessed, were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Certainly. "What was that savage animal that attacked me?" "That was a razorback." "Well, he gave me a close shave."—London Daily Mail.

When the fight begins with himself a man's worth something.—Browning

# STEEL RAILS A MARVEL.

The Strain, the Pull, the Pounding and Grinding They Endure.

Have you an idea of the strain to which a steel rail is subjected today? Let us consider one for a moment in the time of its greatest torture and see. The Cannon Ball express is coming. It is drawn by two engines. The largest weighs 100 tons. Seventy-seven tons of the weight are carried on the six driving wheels, which means almost thirteen tons to a wheel. Thirteen tons of weight upon each wheel! That means thirteen tons of weight impinging for a flying instant upon a rail surface perhaps no more than an inch square and then moving forward all the time, a succession of whirling blows from a thirteen ton hammer.

If the train is going thirty miles an hour an imaginary square inch has but one five-hundred-and-twenty-eighth part of a second in which to receive the blow, whence under it, distribute the terrible force of it through its elastic elements to the surrounding mass of the rail, brace itself to help distribute stresses that are being set up on adjacent surfaces and, skidding back and forth in all sorts of ways through the content of the rail and then almost instantly lift its devoted head to receive the blow of the next driving wheel. If the train is going sixty miles an hour instead of thirty this all has to be received, withstood and passed on in one ten-hundred-and-fifty-sixth part of a second.

And yet this isn't all that is happening to the nerves of the rail. This is only taking account of the compression strains. There is another set of strains, for these big driving wheels are pulling the train. They have caught hold of the rails just as your hands grip the rope in a tug-of-war, and they take a fresh hold every fraction of a second. The tendency is to pull the top or head off the rail, to pull it all to pieces. It is the business of the rail to stick together, head and web and flange, in every single and separate molecule with all the tenacity of which steel is capable.

But we have stated only one-half the tension strain. This strain is reversing all the time, for while the huge drivers are pulling one part of the rail toward them they are pushing another part away from them. This plucking and spurning, hauling and kicking, tension and compression go on continuously. Complete reversing from compression to tension or back again takes place with every half turn of a driving wheel and at a frightfully rapid rate. The marvel is that the rail is not ground to powder.—Metropolitan Magazine.

## The Explanation.

Robert Henri, the artist, said in New York of a bogus "old master": "Some of these experts must be very ignorant, judging from the facility with which they are duped. They must be ready to swallow anything. It's like the Velasquez story."

"An auctioneer, you know, put up the picture, saying: "'Here we are, ladies and gentlemen—this exquisite Velasquez—'Battle of Waterloo.' What am I bid? One million nine hundred thousand?"

"But," interrupted an expert in a puzzled voice—"but I thought Velasquez died before the battle of Waterloo?"

"So he did, sir," explained the auctioneer, "so he did, but this, you see, is one of dear old Velasquez's posthumous works."—New York Tribune.

## "Barber's Music."

Barbers in the old days might well charge heavily, for their trade must have been a nerve racking existence. Zithers were provided instead of newspapers, and customers used to strum on these while waiting for a vacant chair. Dekker, writing early in the seventeenth century, refers to "a barber's cittern for every man to play on." The term "barber's music" was a common one in the days of Pepys, who on June 5, 1660, records, "After supper my lord called for the lieutenant's cittern, and with two candlesticks, with money in them for symbols, we made barber's music, with which my lord was very well pleased."—London Standard.

## Curt and Concise.

A certain surly old Yankee who runs a small summer hotel on the Massachusetts coast once received a rambling letter from a prospective guest, who wrote to engage "two large, sunny rooms overlooking the ocean and connecting with private bath." One may imagine the lady's surprise at getting the following curt reply: "Dear Madam—All rooms face the ocean, and that's your bath."—Lippincott's.

## Considerate.

X. (an incorrigible borrower)—Lend me a fiver, old man. Y. (weakly lending him £4 10s.)—I'm keeping the other shilling to pay for the postage of the letters which I shall have to write you before I get my money back. X. (coolly)—Keep 5 shillings, then. That will give me more time.—London Tit-Bits.

## Something to Try.

Tweed & Cheviot, tailors, wrote to Livingstone Bluffmont as follows: "We must have something on account by Saturday next. What can we count on?"

And Mr. Bluffmont promptly replied, "Ever try an adding machine?"

## Jarred His Dad.

Father—No, indeed! My father never heard me tell a lie; Willie—Was grandpa as deaf as grandma?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Who's love too much hate to the like extreme.—Pope.

# LAUGHTER AND TEARS.

Why an Outburst of the One, May Cause a Flow of the Other.

What is laughter and why do tears so often accompany it? On each side of the throat is an artery called the carotid. At the level of the larynx this divides, one branch which carries blood to the brain, being called the internal the other, which distributes blood to the face, being called the external. These two branches are joined about the level of the eyes by the ophthalmic artery, which forms a canal between them. This communication is the cause of the close connection between the brain and the tear glands, between laughter and grief, both of which are generators of tears. Physiologically, a burst of laughter is nothing but a strenuous effort, like lifting a heavy weight. In both cases the muscles of the throat and stomach contract.

When laughter is excessive the whole body is convulsed; every muscle is contracted. In the place of normal respiration come short intermittent respirations, insufficient to free the lungs from the semi-asphyxia produced by the contraction of the throat muscles. The face shows the congestion of the blood vessels of the head. Apoplexy may in rare cases result. These muscular contractions compress the external carotid, which can no longer supply the brain with blood. In consequence this rushes up the internal carotid, which becomes choked and dilated. It can stand the pressure only because the ophthalmic artery relieves it. Taking this route the blood congests the tear glands, which overflow.

Tears are exactly the same as the liquid part of the blood. So it is a fair deduction that the action of crying is equivalent to a certain loss of blood, which relieves the congestion of the brain. This is why women feel so much better after a good cry.

The facial contortions of weeping persons are caused by the automatic contraction of such muscles as are needed to compress the tear glands and so help to squeeze out the tears.—New York World.

## BATTLE OF MARATHON.

The Most Decisive Day in the History of the World.

The single day in the world's history which was fraught with the most tremendous consequences to mankind was the day on which the battle of Marathon was fought. The handful of states that inhabited Greece had developed facilities which indicated that man had advanced another stage toward the highest ideals.

Foremost among these little nations was Athens, which state, too, contained the germs of human freedom. It was the forerunner of the democracies of the world. But the very existence of Athens and Greece was threatened by the huge barbaric empire of Persia. Darius had sent out his hordes of warriors to add the Grecian states to his vast dominions. Face to face his forces met the Athenians on the plains of Marathon.

Hitherto invincible in the field, the Persians looked upon the little army opposed to them with contempt. The Greeks themselves hesitated to hazard a battle with the conquerors of the world. Their generals debated the question, and the decision to fight the Persians was caused by the eloquence of the immortal Miltiades. He led his 10,000 Greeks against the Persian host and gained a decisive victory. The glorious day of Marathon beat back the advancing tide of eastern despotism and barbarism and saved the freedom and civilization of the western world.—Pearson's Weekly.

## Seventeenth Century Grocers.

Department stores would have fared hard in the seventeenth century unless their proprietors could have induced parliament to grant more privileges than were allowed to other shopkeepers. The articles that a grocer might sell were definitely prescribed. They were "raysons, currants, sugar spice, soap, candle, molasses, gunpowder, shot, match, tar, pitch, rosin, to bacco, cotton yarn, starch, bluing, prunes, figs, linseed oil, lead, olives, figs, Spanish white alabaster, alum, almonds, brimstone, lampblack and candle rushes."

## No Money, No Marriage.

"A fortune teller told me that you are going to marry me," said the young man with the prominent nose. "Did she also tell you that you are going to inherit a very large fortune?" inquired the girl with the matinee hair. "She didn't say anything about a fortune."

"Then she is not much of a fortune teller, and you had better not place any reliance in anything she says."—Washington Herald.

## Never Tempted.

"George Washington never told a lie."

"Well, he wasn't much of a d—her man anyway."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

## Pretty Grouchy.

Gabe—Smith is a grouchy guy, isn't he? Steve—Grouchy? Why, he hates to look at himself in a mirror.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Pity is best taught by fellowship in woe.—Coleridge.

# VARNISHING DAY.

It Brings Many Surprises at the English Royal Academy.

When the hanging committee of the English Royal academy has completed the work of "hanging," the artists whose pictures are exhibited on the academy walls are forwarded a piece of pasteboard known as a "varnishing card." This card is the first intimation the artist receives that his picture has passed triumphantly through the processes of judging and "hanging," and it allows him to visit the academy on a particular day—"varnishing day." Just before the galleries are thrown open to the public, hundreds of knights of the brush are to be found in the galleries of Burlington House on "varnishing day," and here and there are flights of steps and impassioned platforms covered with artists putting the last loving touches to their canvases. Here, perched on the top rung of a pair of steps, is a young lady with smiling face scraping her picture with a palette knife and putting in fresh spots of paint occasionally, while on the floor at her feet is a young man whose features are the picture of misery, his eyes roaming toward the ceiling. His canvas is hopelessly skied, and he is silently a victim to the members of the hanging committee for their lack of judgment.

"Varnishing day" brings many surprises to the exhibitors. One man will find his canvas wrongly named, and another, an impressionist, may be startled to discover that his glorious sunset, over which he has taken so much pains, is upside down. And for the first time he realizes that an impressionist's pictures can be turned about any way without greatly endangering the effect.

Turner had one of his paintings hung upside down, and old academicians well remember that a little canvas, "A Sleeping Naiad," was once, owing to lack of space, placed on the wall in an upright position and renamed "The Waking Naiad."—National Magazine.

## FUNNY FRILLED LIZARD.

Carries an Umbrella, Has a Whip Tail and Walks Like a Bird.

The frilled lizard is found in Australian woods, being tolerably abundant in north Queensland and the Kimberley district of Western Australia. It lives on beetles such as are found on the tree barks. It is about three feet long, measured from head to tail point. What makes it remarkable consists of two things—its hurried walk and its lightning anger.

It carries a sort of natural umbrella top about its neck, which it elevates suddenly with an alarming effect even to ordinary lizard killing dogs, scaring them as an umbrella opened in the face of a charging bull; hence it is called the frilled lizard. Its teeth are not of much use as a defense against a vigorous animal, but when it flails it uses its long, little tail in a way to bring long bruises on one's hands—in fact, could it be properly trained, it might serve as an automatic switch, which, like the magic rub-a-dub-dub stick, would at the word administer a thrashing to the disobedient child.

From the scientific point of view the creature's peculiar method of ambulation is most interesting, because it presents an absurdly grotesque appearance at such times, more especially from the rear. It walks bipedally or on two feet, like a bird, and so much does it resemble a bird in its walk that it seems to be the connecting link between the ancestors of birds and the lizards of today.

## Climate and the Color of Cities.

It is estimated by meteorologists that the heat irradiated constantly in the atmosphere by the combustion of carbon modifies little by little the climate of cities and surrounding districts. It is said that 10,000,000 tons of carbon is the average yearly weight burned in cities the size of London and New York. It is also pointed out that the color of cities is changed according to the amount of carbon burned. Confirmation of these facts is offered in historical description of cities. Paris being referred to by one historian of ancient times as a "city of red," while to this day certain Italian cities are described as "violet." Meteorologists prophesy that when our west is as thickly settled as central Europe our clear sweep of blue sky will be very materially modified.—Harper's.

## Home Treatment for Tuberculosis.

Consumptive patients need no longer dread either the fact that foreign travel took all sufferers from lung trouble, or costly and often terribly inconvenient journeys far from home to other climates or to some expensive sanatorium. Home treatment is the only method of curing themselves at no expense beyond the cost of a few bottles of medicine. There is one who speaks from experience. "I am Dr. S. H. St. George (Paris), France. For four years I was troubled with cough, which gradually became worse; I had night sweats and pains in my chest. I was losing my appetite and had become so thin and weak, that I could not attend to my household duties. A physician pronounced my case consumption. Not being satisfied, I was examined by the physicians of the Polytechnic Hospital; they also pronounced the disease consumption, which was proven later by an examination of sputum, a tuberculous bacilli was found. I was ordered to a Consumptive Hospital. My neighbors would not allow me to go until I had tried Eckman's Alternative. Before I had taken the medicine three weeks I had marked relief, night sweats ceased, pains in the breast removed, cough became loose and easy, fever left me, and I commenced getting well. My health became normal. I am in excellent health now and have been completely cured for ten years. (Signed) MRS. MARY WASSON." Eckman's Alternative is effective in Bronchitis, Asthma, Hay Fever, Throat and Lung Troubles, and in upbuilding the weak. It also promotes the elimination of habit-forming drugs. Ask for booklet of cured cases and write to Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia, Pa. for more evidence. For sale by all leading druggists and.

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### An Ingenious "Fire Box."

A very simple but nevertheless effective method of making fire is used in the Arlik mountains, in Dutch North New Guinea. The natives cut a section of bamboo, usually about nine inches long by two inches in diameter, and into this are put a supply of tinder and a small fragment of anything hard, preferably a piece of china if the natives can get hold of it. The tinder is covered from the wet by a piece of bark, and the "fire box" is then ready for use whenever it is wanted. To get a light the native merely takes the piece of china and a lump of tinder between his thumb and first finger; then, holding the bamboo in his left hand, he strikes its surface sharply with the china, causing a spark, which soon ignites the tinder. Even the white man soon acquires the knack of doing this, and the process is much more effective and infinitely less laborious than the usual method of producing fire by friction.—Wide World Magazine.

### Spoke For Twenty-six Hours.

A bill was pending in the legislature of British Columbia which, if passed, would drive many settlers from their lands. The legislature was within a day and a half of its final adjournment, and the vote was about to be taken. At this juncture Mr. De Cosmos, a member, rose to address the body, and the members thought he would finish in an hour or two. Next morning when the sun flooded the hall with the light of day the orator was still, without faltering, pouring forth his torrent of words. As the clock struck 12 the limit prescribed by law for the session arrived, and the legislature stood adjourned sine die. De Cosmos stopped in the middle of a sentence and fell fainting in his seat. He had spoken, standing on his feet, for twenty-six hours! His eyes were bloodshot and red, and his lips were cracked and running blood. He was nearly dead, but he had prevented the bill from becoming law.

### Some classy suit Dick.

where'd you buy it?"

"You don't buy suits like this, Harry—stores don't have them. I had it made to order by

### Albert J. Hanus

If you want real style and fit see him. He has the best selection in town"

PRICES \$20 to \$40.

605 Fallowfield Avenue, Charleroi, Pa.

## He Wouldn't Advertise

Breathes there a man, with soul so dead  
Who never to himself hath said:  
"My trade of late is getting bad,  
I'll try another eight-inch ad."  
If such there be, go mark him well;  
For him no bank account shall swell,  
No angels watch the golden stair  
To welcome home the millionaire  
The man who never asks for trade  
By local line or ad. displayed.  
Cares more for rest than worldly gain,  
And patronage but gives him pain,  
Tread lightly friends: let no rude sound  
Disturb his solitude profound,  
Here let him live in calm repose,  
Unsought except by men he owes  
And when he dies, go plant him deep,  
That naught may break his dreamless sleep;  
Where no rude clamor may dispel  
The quiet that he loved so well.  
And when the world may know its loss,  
Place on his grave a wreath of moss,  
And on the stone above, "Here lies  
A chump who wouldn't advertise."

Advertise and the world is with you!  
Don't and you'll be alone.  
For the world today will never pay  
A Cent to the Great Unknown.

J. W. ALLEN, Duluth Minn.



# BERRYMAN'S SEMI-ANNUAL Remnant Sale

Wednesday and Thursday  
August 7th and 8th

These are remnant days and we believe most people within this store's radius know what these semi-annual sales mean here.

Always in a great and active community like this, there are new people coming, and we want to urge those people to come to this sale.

We have two Remnant Sales a year—one in February and one in August—and no more. Hundreds of Remnants—price cutting all over the store—and we'll have a crowd, we always do—but we'll have extra sales people to wait on you.

**No Goods Laid Away at These Prices  
and No Green Trading Stamps**

Our Remnants come to you direct from our stocks. No bought remnants here. Our daily short ends are saved for six months—then a big sale—all get a chance.

Remnants in every department—special prices all over the store—something to interest every one in our Remnant Sale.

**Store Opens at 8:00 O'clock—No Sooner**

All advertised goods not sold on Wednesday and Thursday stay on sale Friday, Saturday and Monday, August 9, 10 and 12.

No goods laid away, no Green Trading Stamps

**J. W. Berryman & Son**  
Charleroi's Big Store

## MYSTERY IN DEATH OF MINER

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removed to the morgue of W. E. Repert. The opinion is that death was directly due to dislocation of the neck.

An investigation will be made by a coroner's jury tonight at 7:30 o'clock into the death. The jury has already been appointed, and will consist of Evan S. Young, H. N. Beazell, C. A. Beazell, Harrison Husher, G. L. Dodd and Conrad Metz.

Coneghan was a man well known

among the miners of the Belle Vernon vicinity. He lived on Belle Vernon hill, was married and had five children.

Jacksals and Crocodile Eggs. Jacksals and crocodiles are very fond of crocodile eggs. The former is the more successful poucher of the two. Natives of central Africa say that the jackal has sixteen eyes, with one of which he catches the eggs and with the other he looks out for the crocodile. The hyena, on the other hand, being very greedy, has all his eyes on the eggs and so often falls a victim to the watchful crocodile in its den. The natives say, too, that the crocodile sometimes knocks its prey off the bank or off the canoe with its tail and then seizes it with its wide open jaws.

## THE INWARDNESS OF PILES

The Cause is Inside. Use Hemroid. The Inward Remedy.

Inward treatment is the secret of the successful cure for piles, Hemroid, sold by Piper Bros., Charleroi, Pa. and all druggists under a strict money-back guarantee of satisfaction. Hem-roid (sugar coated tablets) acts inwardly, and livens up circulation of blood in the flabby, swollen parts, curing permanently where salves, etc., only give relief. Hem-roid costs but \$1 for 24 days' medicine. Dr. Leonhardt Co., Station B, Buffalo, N. Y. Write for booklet.

## BELTZHOOVERS ARE VICTORIOUS IN GOOD CONTEST

Charleroi Independents Suffer  
Defeat at Hands of Pitts-  
burg Team

## GAME TIED IN SEVENTH

With a string of victories to their credit as long as the Boston Nationals string of defeats, the Beltzhoover team of Pittsburgh, came to Charleroi Saturday afternoon, and although at times playing ball like they didn't care, beat the Charleroi Independents by the score of 8 to 5. They won the game in the last inning by scoring four runs, breaking a tie and pulling out three extras.

Charleroi scored the first run, it coming in the first inning, when Mathers got a walk and worked his way around partly through the aid of an error. The visitors touched up Keifer for four hits in the second, and coupled with a base on balls, managed to score three runs. McIlvaine, who had pitched the day before at Ellsworth, went in the box, and stopped the scoring until the fifth, when two hits—one a three bagger—brought in a run. Two hits, an error and a life in the sixth scored a run.

At the opening of the seventh the score stood 5 to 1. In the home half, Charleroi opened up with their accustomed seventh-inning gusto. Urban singled, Pitcher "Hud" Thomas was cajoled into walking both Billy Roll and Joe Guder. Wilson singled, and by that act started the scoring. Cratty batted for Nichols and sacrificed in a run. Miller singled, bringing in two runs, but got out when he tried to reach third. Kuhn singled. The net result was four runs and the score tied.

Gardner worked McIlvaine for a walk in the ninth and got out on second when Beaumont was given a life. Donnelly sacrificed. Lauer was safe when Wilson dropped a ball to first, and Dell doubled. That brought in two runs. Schultz attended to the work of bringing in the other run by singling. Thomas held Charleroi safe in the latter part of the half, and the game was over. It was a good struggle all the way through. Score:

Charleroi	R	H	P	A	E
Mathers, m	1	0	2	0	0
Urban, 2	1	1	1	4	0
Roll, 3	1	1	1	2	1
Guder, c	1	0	4	1	0
Wilson, 1	1	7	1	1	1
Nichols, r	0	1	3	0	0
Cratty, r	0	1	0	0	0
Miller, L	0	2	5	0	0
Kuhn, s	0	1	4	0	1
Keifer, p	0	0	0	0	0
McIlvaine, p	0	1	0	5	0

Total 5 9 27 13 3

Beltzhoover	R	H	P	A	E
Gardner, lf	0	2	1	1	0
Beaumont, s	2	0	3	2	2
Donnelly, 2	0	0	1	2	1
Lauer, m	1	7	3	0	1
Dell, r	1	2	1	0	0
Schultz, 1	1	2	1	1	1
Love, 3	2	1	2	2	1
Kennedy, c	1	3	4	0	0
Thomas, p	0	2	1	4	0

Total 8 13 27 13 6

Charleroi 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-5  
Beltzhoover 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0-5

Two base hits—Kennedy, McIlvaine, Dell, Cratty. Three base hit—Lauer. Stolen bases—Urban, McIlvaine, Beaumont, Schultz, Love. Sacrifice hits—Wilson, Donnelly. Struck out—by Kennedy 2, by McIlvaine 1, by Thomas 2. Bases on balls—off Kennedy 1, off McIlvaine 2, off Thomas 5. Umpire—Mathias.

## CHARLEROI CHURCH LEAGUE

Standing of Clubs.

	W	L	P
Catholics	7	3	.700
First Pres.	7	3	.700
W. A. Pres.	5	3	.625
Christians	6	6	.455
Methodists	4	5	.444
Baptists	4	5	.444
Episcopal	3	5	.375
Lutherans	3	7	.300

Games This Week.

Monday—First Presbyterians vs. Christians.  
Tuesday—Washington Avenues vs. Methodists.  
Wednesday—Washington Avenues vs. First Presbyterians.  
Thursday—Baptists vs. Catholics.  
Friday—Lutherans vs. Episcopal.

## CORNS

On the cob are all right, but corns on the feet are certainly out of place.  
For corns on your feet we have the only guaranteed cure to be had anywhere at any price. It is

**Rexall Corn Solvent**

and it never fails to promptly remove corns painlessly by simply painting on. Hard or soft corns are all alike to this magic corn banisher, under any conditions. Get this if you want to get rid of the

Corns on Your Feet

**CARROLL'S DRUG STORE**

"THE REXALL STORE"

623 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, Pennsylvania  
Opposite New Post Office

## CUPID ACTIVE AT CALIFORNIA

Little God of Love Sends  
Couples Flying to Various  
Gretna Greens

"Dan Cupid has been busy in California the last fortnight" says K. Richardson, the California newspaper writer. "Victims of the little archer number eight and a number wounded. Four elopements to Maryland were the results of his engagement here. Of him it may be said:

"His love tipped darts pierce many hearts,  
And fill them full of anguish.  
Till some sweet day he points the way—  
The lovers cease to languish.  
For parents' check they do not reck—  
To Maryland they hie them.  
There they find laws lax and kind  
And a parson near to tie them."

"A list of the victims from California is as follows:

Harold Jennings, age 23.  
Helen Gladys Collins, aged 16.  
Eloped to Cumberland, Md., July 30.  
Walter Stewart, aged 22.  
Anna Maust, aged 10.  
Eloped to Mountain Lake Park, Md., July 29.  
Medford Moyer, aged 23.  
Elizabeth Kennedy, aged 18.  
Eloped to Cumberland, July 29.  
Rex Reynolds, aged 23.  
Helen Lavery, aged 16.  
Eloped to Cumberland, July 23.

"The elopement of one of the California couples, had as many thrills in it as the romance of Rosamond and Claude Eclair. The principal actors were the elopers, Harold Jennings and Miss Helen Gladys Collins; irate parents of the girl, watchful relatives, policeman, taxi jehus, accomodating B. and O. train crew, parson, interested friends and gossiping neighbors.

"Principal events in the drama comprised the meeting of the runaways in Pittsburgh on Tuesday after many tribulations; only to find that they were a bit late for the B. and O. train which was to have carried them to Cumberland; a wild ride in a taxi-cab to Braddock where they made a flying connection with the train; evasion of possible interference at Cumberland; the return to Donora, where the groom works, and further interference by policeman there. The last act concluded with the return to California of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings to defy if any one who might try to put asunder their marriage ties; forgiveness, Bless you my children."

"Curtain.  
"Now that its all over Mr. and Mrs. Jennings are willing to laugh over their troubles as they tell their friends all about it.

"The romance began about three years ago when the Collins family moved to California from Ohio. Gladys, then a girl of 13, attended the Normal. Her home was near the Jennings' residence on Wood street and before long Harold was noticed carrying Gladys' books to and from school. Soon they became sweethearts in earnest and for three years have been true lovers. The parents of the girl objected strenuously when a wedding was proposed. She was too young they said."

His Little Task.

"I have to try to pull off something unpleasant tonight."  
"A prizefight? You can't do it in the jurisdiction."

"No, I'm going to try to pull off a porous plaster."—Kansas City Journal

How many could be made happy with the blessings which are reckless by

## LOCAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Walker of Uniontown were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart over Sunday.

Miss May Stewart, of Dunbar was an over Sunday visitor with Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, of McKean avenue.

Miss Laura Crouch, of Ford City who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lee Showers of Crest avenue returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Whitlatch, of Rices Landing visited friends here over Sunday.

Glenn Sharpnack of Rices Landing visited at the home of his brother, S. Walton Sharpnack over Sunday.

Roy Sharpnack, assistant manager of Eldora Park spent Sunday at his home in Rices Landing.

Editor E. C. Niver of the Mail and Mirror with Mrs. Niver have returned home from Chautauqua, where they spent two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Oswald of Ford City visited last week at the home of Bert Bowser of Shady avenue.

Miss Erma Holyfield returned today from a two week's visit at Morgantown, W. Va., with friends.

Frank Chew left last Wednesday on his vacation trip. He expects to be gone two weeks. He was in St. Louis when last heard from.

Mrs. Lena Beall and sons are enjoying the breezes of the Cheat river at the Castle.

A campaign party of nine persons left this morning for Bedford county, where they will camp for some weeks. In the party were Harry Stech, Ed. Wolf, Ed. Stech, Joseph Stech, Lawrence Stech, David Stewart, Thomas Umbel, Andrew Allshouse, and Joseph Baldwin.

Patrolman Gust Brickner returned this morning from Johnstown and Carrolltown, where he spent his vacation.

Miss Fannie Arrison returned Sunday evening from State College, where she took a course during June and July.

## Will Meet Tuesday.

A meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of Charleroi will convene on Tuesday evening at the meeting rooms of the association in the Odd Fellows building at the corner of Fifth street and Washington avenue. They will take up matters pertaining to the entertainment of the county convention to be held in Charleroi this month.

## Classified Ads.

WANTED—500 men to work on State roads near Charleroi borough. Hastings and Piper, contractors, Charleroi, Pa. 311tf

AGENTS WANTED—to sell sickness and accident policies on one dollar month plan, protecting wage earners for loss of time. Answer in writing, Frankfort General Insurance Company, Machesney Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. 311-16p

WANTED—Buyers for 5 lots on Meadow avenue. Can get cut price if all are sold at once. See Charles O. Frye this week. 309-3

WANTED—Day's work at cleaning for washing. Mrs. Sreepktach, 1109 Crest avenue. 291-tfp

FOR SALE—At a bargain if sold soon. Property on Seventh street, North Charleroi for information inquire at Blythe's Real Estate office in Night Building Charleroi. 309t4p

# It's Up to You

As to whether you get the benefit of  
**THIS SHOE HARVEST!**

The Shoes are here, the right  
style, and at the right price—

## \$1.00

Men's Oxfords and Shoes, tan or black, button or lace style, at..... \$1.00

Ladies' Oxfords and Shoes, all leathers and all styles. Not all sizes, but plenty to pick from at..... \$1.00

We have them for the boys and girls in all sizes, if you come early, and they are..... \$1.00

# ADOLPH BEIGEL



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ONE CENT

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY LOSE APPROPRIATIONS

**Twenty-Three Boards Fail to File Financial Statements**

**NEW CODE PROVISIONS**

**Time Limit Now August 1— Was September 1 Under the Old School Law**

Because they failed to comply with the provisions of the new school code in filing promptly their financial statement with the county superintendent by the specified time, 23 school districts in Washington county stand in grave danger of losing their state appropriation. Under the old law the time limit for filing the financial statement was September 1. The new code changed this to August 1. In order to secure an appropriation all districts under county supervision are required to file their statement of finances with the county superintendent, who transcribes them, and transmits a copy to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. District superintendents must do the same. State appropriations are calculated on the information contained in this financial statement and in a statement of the number of teachers and pupils and the population.

Delinquent districts in filing their report with County Superintendent Crumrine are:

Amwell township, Blaine township, Canonsburg, Cecil, Cross Creek, Deemston, Donora, East Washington, Ellsworth, Finleyville, North Franklin township, Hanover township, Houston, Long Branch, Midway, North Charleroi, Peters township, East Pike Run township, Roscoe, Smith township, Somerset township, Stockdale and South Strabane.

In addition to the financial statement the districts are required to file an affidavit setting forth the number of months taught, the studies carried in the schools and the fact that the compulsory school law has been carried out. The matter lies largely with the various secretaries of the school boards. Many districts are prompt every year in getting their statements in while others lag behind. The amount of the state appropriations to schools does not vary largely from year to year. Last year the schools of Washington county received a total of \$122,814.

State Treasurer Wright will begin the general payment of school funds for the year beginning July 1, some time during the next two weeks. The work of handing out the funds to the school districts has been held back for a short time owing to slow collections, due to delay in tax settlements, but these have now been settled by Auditor General Sisson, and it is expected that the big corporations, such as the railroad and trolley companies, and a few of the large industrial companies, will soon be called upon to send in their checks, when the work of paying the school districts will go on uninterrupted, and as fast as reports are received from districts they will get their money. Wednesday was the last day for the return of tax on personal property from the counties, and but few remain unreturned.

## Table Placed in Position

**"Rubbing Bed" Arrive for Use in Carrara Department of Plate Works**

A new rubbing bed, for the grinding room of the Pittsburg Plate Glass plant here to be used in the operation of the Carrara department has arrived, and during the next week or ten days, workmen will be engaged in putting it in position. Sunday the device, a heavy circular shaped piece about 20 or 25 feet in diameter was unloaded from the flat car at the Plate Glass siding by a wrecking train and crew of the Pennsylvania railroad. It took them but a few moments, using their big crane to get the affair off its bed, and to carry it to the place it belonged.

## MYSTERY IN DEATH OF MINER

**Belle Vernon Man Found on Steps Leading to School House**

**MURDER IS ONE THEORY**

Mystery surrounds the death of John Coneghan, aged 42, a well known miner of Belle Vernon, whose dead body was found on steps leading to the Belle Vernon school house at about 3 o'clock Sunday morning by Frank Beeman. Constable J. W. Anderson found that while there were no traces of blood on the schoolhouse steps, Coneghan had fresh wounds on the right temple, above the right eye and under the chin. County Detective Frank Smith, of Fayette county and the Belle Vernon authorities are working on a murder theory. No money was found in the man's pockets.

Coneghan was about Belle Vernon Saturday night and it is stated two men were seen with him. They were drinking some, but not it is thought enough to cause intoxication. It is possible that Coneghan fell and received his wounds and dragged himself to the schoolhouse. Constable Anderson has in his possession a stone showing blood marks which was found about a hundred feet from where the body was discovered.

Deputy Coroner John W. Gordon took charge of the body and had it

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### NOTICE

Bids will be received for furnishing the North Charleroi Schools with coal, 1,000 bushels, more or less. Bids will be received until Aug. 17th.

O. R. Chew,  
Lock No. 4.

310-13

## WORK IS STARTED ON TROLLEY LINE

**Westside Street Railways Company Expects to Have Service Instituted at Bentleyville Within Few Months**

Today the first work on the construction of an electric railways line through Bentleyville was started by the Westside Railways company. It is expected that in the event of good weather not many months will elapse until cars are running. The work of construction will be done under the direction of D. R. Callaghan, of Bentleyville, general manager for the company.

The extent of the line through Bentleyville will be about two miles

and a half to Ellsworth. According to the statement of one of the officials of the company work will be continued throughout the winter, weather permitting.

The Westside Street Railways company secured a franchise to build in Bentleyville last winter. It is the intention to extend the line from Charleroi connecting up the two places just as soon as possible. Some rights of way have yet to be secured before this line can be gotten under way.

## AUGUST WEATHER RECORDS BROKEN

**Cold Spell Brings Mercury Down to Unprecedented Mark—Weather Bureau Announces Itself All at Sea**

While the weather bureau is announcing itself as "non-plussed" over the unusual cold spell, summer vacationists and baseball fans and the people generally are suffering. Gas stoves have been unearthed in a large number of homes. On the street Sunday evening, with the mercury reaching down into the forties a combination of furs and white shoes was not unusual. Men addicted to the summer fashion of wearing no more than is absolutely necessary have hunted out their last winter's vest, and are making them work.

According to the official tempera-

ture taken in Pittsburgh the temperature fell to 53 degrees on August 1, the record for that date. On August 3, it marked 51, again smashing the tabulation for that day. But Sunday it dropped officially to 49 degrees, which knocked the world's record into a crimson fizzle. Today's forecast is for fair and continued cold.

Persons just back from the vacations complain of cold weather during the last two weeks. Office electric fans haven't been used for a similar length of time. At some of the summer resorts it is stated lately the sight of men wearing straw hats and overcoats has not been uncommon.

## STORE WRECKED; MAFIA BLAMED

**Axelton Italian Pays Little Attention to Threats of Black Hand**

Tony Castena, an Italian living at Axelton, across the river from Monongahela, paid little attention to three alleged Black Hand letters he received threatening him, if he didn't leave money at a certain place. This morning at about 3 o'clock he heard a terrific explosion in his store, in the same building in which he lived. Rushing to the scene he found that the store had been wrecked. A can of powder about which had been piled a quantity of canned goods had been exploded.

## WILL SING AT WEEKLY WINTER CLUB DANCE

Miss Blanche Babbitt, the former Charleroi girl, who has been delighting audiences at Schanley's, in New York city has been engaged to sing at the Winter Club dance at Eldora Park on Tuesday evening. Miss Babbitt had been singing in New York with various opera troupes for about three years until this year, when she secured the engagement at Schanley's.

### Winter Club Dance

The Winter Club of Charleroi, will hold their weekly dance at Eldora Park on Tuesday, August 6. Select Wheeler's orchestra. 311-42

### Notice to Taxpayers.

The 1912 school and borough taxes are now payable. 5 per cent discount on borough until Sept. 30, 1912. School tax at face until Sept. 30, 1912, beginning Oct. 1, 5 per cent will be added to school tax.

### Tax Collector.

Office 2nd floor First National Bank Building, 5th and McKean Aves. 311-16

### Curb Market Tomorrow

All kinds of good things direct from the farm. 296-27wt

## BOILERS TO BE PUT INTO USE

**County Making Thorough Tests of Its Own Heating and Ventilating Plant**

Before the end of this week, it is expected the heating, ventilating and lighting plant owned by the county at the county court house at Washington, will be in operation. A contract with the West Penn Electric company, which was held for six years, expired on August 1, and on that date the county had experts start tests of the boilers and apparatus composing the county plant. Coal and wood were used in firing the boilers. A number of pounds of steam was raised the first day, and the boilers appeared to work entirely satisfactorily.

A battery of three boilers forms the plant, but only two of these will be used regularly, one kept in reserve. The suggestion has been made that the county use gas instead of coal, and that a gas well be drilled on the county premises. If this is done the expense will be reduced to almost nothing.

## TO ASSUME CHARGE OF MONACA OFFICE

Malcolm Maguire, of Charleroi, who has been employed at Monessen by the American Express company will leave Tuesday for Monaca, where he will take charge of the office of the company. The promotion is a good one. The territory at Monaca will be something similar to that at Monessen.

### Grand Circuit Races.

Cars every half hour on Charleroi line for great trotting meeting at Bruno's Island, Pittsburgh, August 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Connections at north end of tunnel for ferries to Island. 310-41

### Curb Market Tomorrow.

Get the green goods direct from the farm. 296-27wt

## GIRL CHOKED TO DEATH BY AN UNKNOWN FIEND

**Killed by a Cave In**

**Jas. Melville, Spanish-American War Veteran Meets Death at Monongahela**

Jame Melville, aged 40, a former member of Company A, Tenth regiment, and a veteran of the Spanish American war, died at the Memorial Hospital, Monongahela this morning at about 10 o'clock from injuries received in a cave-in at a shaft of the River Coal combine on the William Sampson farm at about 8 o'clock this morning. Louis Martin was working with Melville, but escaped with minor bruises and injuries. The shaft was being sunk by Ed. Neil, a contractor.

## TWELVE CAUGHT IN RAID

**Alleged Gambling Joint at Washington Closed by Police.**

**NUMEROUS JOHN DOES**

Two games were just at their most interesting stage Sunday morning at 1 o'clock when Washington police officers and detectives swooped down on an alleged gambling joint in the old Pony club headquarters at that place. Twelve alleged players and the supposed proprietor, Bert Shock, were caught in the dragnet. Six managed to elude the officers and are at liberty. Players captured were escorted to police headquarters where they were released upon posting a forfeit of \$5 each. Shock was lodged in the county jail. Some of the men arrested, it is stated, are well known in Washington. Their names on the police roll, however do not indicate such. John Doe was a popular name with the crowd, while John Jones and Tom Brown was the identity furnished by others.

It is stated that this particular room has been in operation just three weeks. The Pony club which formerly flourished in the same quarters recently went out of business following the action of Judge J. A. Mellvaine in putting the ban on drinking clubs.

Elmer Tomlinson son of Thomas Tomlinson, the jeweler, and until lately employed at the printing establishment of Louis Goaxion, of the L'Union des Travailleurs, left today for the state of Washington. He will locate in Washington, Oregon or British Columbia.

Fresh milk 8 cents a quart, skim milk 10 cents per gallon, butter milk 5 cents per quart or 15 cents per gallon. Schmierkase 10 cents a pint at Orange's. 311-16

**Pretty German Miss Victim of Awful Crime at Manifold**

**BODY HIDDEN IN BUSHES**

**Dead Girl's Dog Leads Anxious Parent to Scene of Revolting Murder**

An unknown fiend, for whom Sheriff R. G. Lutton and a posse of county officers have been searching for since Sunday morning, choked to death pretty 18-year old Celia Funka of Manifold Saturday. Her throat showing the marks of the brute's hand and her torn clothing gave evidence of a serious crime committed preceding the murder, the girl's body was found by her father Sunday morning at about 10:30 o'clock hidden in a clump of bushes near a path leading to Manifold. The body was covered by grass and discovery was made only through the aid of a favorite dog of the dead girl.

Saturday morning Celia left Manifold for Washington to have a dress exchanged for her mother. She failed to put in appearance Saturday at noon and the parents telephoning found that she had not been at the Washington store at all. The father started on a search that lasted until Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. After two hours, he started out again, followed by the dog. They finally located the body in the bushes. Beside her body was the wrapper which she had taken with her to have exchanged for her mother. At her feet were her shoes, which had been taken off, her belt, and two combs.

Seeing she was dead, the distracted father ran home and summoned Dr. Brenna from Manifold. An examination showed that the only marks were on the neck where her assailant had choked the girl to death. On both sides of the neck were the imprints of the brute's fingers, the marks of his nails being easily discernible. The clothes of the young woman showed that she had made a desperate struggle for her honor, but was finally overcome by the strength of the fiend. There was no evidence to show that the motive had been robbery.

The girl had been keeping company with several young men but these were all speedily cleared of suspicion as it was learned just exactly where they were during Saturday. The young woman bore an excellent reputation and character.

The murder occurred in a secluded section some distance from any house and it is presumed that the girl's cries could not have been heard. Sheriff R. G. Lutton, and other county officials went over the scene, but could locate no clues. The stricken father said that when he found the body, he saw a man's face peering from the bushes nearby, but in his distress over his discovery made no effort to follow him.

Coroner James T. Heffran will arrange an inquest. Dr. Brennan held a post mortem, Sunday night and found that death was due to strangulation and that the girl had been cruelly misused while she was being slowly choked to death.

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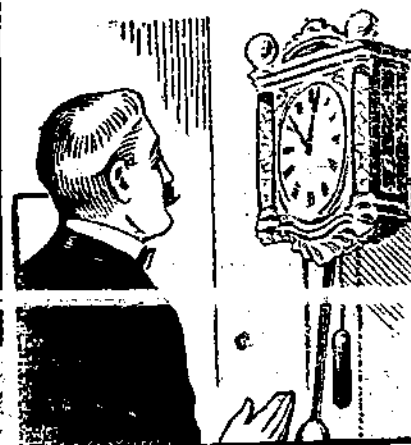
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# BERRYMAN'S SEMI-ANNUAL Remnant Sale

Wednesday and Thursday  
August 7th and 8th

These are remnant days and we believe most people within this store's radius know what these semi-annual sales mean here.

Always in a great and active community like this, there are new people coming, and we want to urge those people to come to this sale.

We have two Remnant Sales a year—one in February and one in August—and no more. Hundreds of Remnants—price cutting all over the store—and we'll have a crowd, we always do—but we'll have extra sales people to wait on you.

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Our Remnants come to you direct from our stocks. No bought remnants here. Our daily short ends are saved for six months—then a big sale—all get a chance.

Remnants in every department—special prices all over the store—something to interest every-one in our Remnant Sale.

**Store Opens at 8:00 O'clock—No Sooner**

All advertised goods not sold on Wednesday and Thursday stay on sale Friday, Saturday and Monday, August 9, 10 and 12.  
No goods laid away, no Green Trading Stamps

**J. W. Berryman & Son**  
Charleroi's Big Store

## BELTZHOOVERS

**ARE VICTORIOUS  
IN GOOD CONTEST**

**Charleroi Independents Suffer  
Defeat at Hands of Pitts-  
burg Team**

**GAME TIED IN SEVENTH**

With a string of victories to their credit as long as the Boston Nationals string of defeats, the Beltzhoover team of Pittsburgh, came to Charleroi Saturday afternoon, and although at times playing ball like they didn't care, beat the Charleroi Independents by the score of 8 to 5. They won the game in the last inning by scoring four runs, breaking a tie and nullifying three extras.

Charleroi scored the first run, it coming in the first inning, when Mathers got a walk and worked his way around partly through the aid of an error. The visitors touched up Keifer for four hits in the second, and coupled with a base on balls, managed to score three runs. McIlvaine, who had pitched the day before at Ellsworth, went in the box, and stopped the scoring until the fifth, when two hits—one a three bagger—brought in a run. Two hits, an error and a life in the sixth scored a run.

At the opening of the seventh the score stood 5 to 1. In the home half, Charleroi opened up with their accustomed seventh-inning gusto. Urban singled, Pitcher "Bud" Thomas was cajoled into walking both Billy Roll and Joe Guder. Wilson singled, and by that act started the scoring. Cratty batted for Nichols and sacrificed in a run. Miller singled, bringing in two runs, but got out when he tried to reach third. Kuhn singled. The net result was four runs and the score tied.

Gardner worked McIlvaine for a walk in the ninth and got out on second when Beaumont was given a life. Donnelly sacrificed. Lauer was safe when Wilson dropped a throw to first, and Dell doubled. That brought in two runs. Schultz attended to the work of bringing in the other run by singling. Thomas held Charleroi safe in the latter part of the half, and the game was over. It was a good struggle all the way through. Score:

Charleroi	R	H	P	A	E
Mathers, m	1	0	2	0	0
Urban, 2	1	1	1	4	0
Roll, 3	1	1	2	1	2
Guder, c	1	0	4	1	0
Wilson, 1	1	7	1	1	1
Nichols, r	0	1	3	0	0
Cratty, r	0	1	0	0	0
Miller, L	0	2	5	0	0
Kuhn, s	0	1	4	0	1
Keifer, p	0	0	0	0	0
McIlvaine, p	0	1	0	5	0
Total	5	9	27	13	3

Beltzhoover	R	H	P	A	E
Gardner, lf	0	2	1	1	0
Beaumont, s	0	3	3	2	1
Donnelly, 2	0	0	1	2	1
Lauer, m	1	1	2	0	1
Dell, r	1	2	1	0	0
Schultz, 1	1	2	1	1	1
Love, 3	2	1	2	2	1
Kennedy, c	1	3	4	0	0
Thomas, p	0	2	1	4	0
Total	8	13	27	13	6

Charleroi ..... 1 0 0 0 0 4 0 0-5  
Beltzhoover ..... 0 3 0 0 1 1 0 0 3-3

Two base hits—Kennedy, McIlvaine, Dell, Cratty. Three base hit—Lauer. Stolen bases—Urban, McIlvaine, Beaumont, Schultz, Love. Sacrifice hits—Wilson, Donnelly. Struck out—by Kennedy 2, by McIlvaine 1, by Thomas 2. Bases on balls—off Kennedy 1, off McIlvaine 2, off Thomas 5. Umpire—Mathias.

### CHARLEROI CHURCH LEAGUE

Standing of Clubs.	W	L	P
Catholics	7	3	.700
First Pres.	7	3	.700
W. A. Pres.	5	3	.625
Christians	6	6	.455
Methodists	4	5	.444
Baptists	4	5	.444
Episcopals	3	5	.375
Lutherans	3	7	.300

Monday—First Presbyterians vs. Christians.  
Tuesday—Washington Avenues vs. Methodists.  
Wednesday—Washington Avenues vs. First Presbyterians.  
Thursday—Baptists vs. Catholics.  
Friday—Lutherans vs. Episcopals.

## CORNS

On the cob are all right, but corns on the feet, are certainly out of place.  
For corns on your feet, we have the only guaranteed cure to be had anywhere at any price. It is

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## CUPID ACTIVE

**AT CALIFORNIA**

**Little God of Love Sends  
Couples Flying to Various  
Gretna Greens**

"Dan Cupid has been busy in California the last fortnight" says K. Richardson, the California newspaper writer. "Victims of the little archer number eight and a number wounded. Four elopements to Maryland were the results of his engagement here. Of him it may be said:

"His love tipped darts pierce many hearts,  
And fill them full of anguish.  
Till some sweet day he points the way—  
The lovers cease to languish.  
For parents' check they do not reck—  
To Maryland they hie them.  
There they find laws lax and kind  
And a parson near to tie them.

"A list of the victims from California is as follows:

Harold Jennings, age 23.  
Helen Gladys Collins, aged 16.  
Eloped to Cumberland, Md., July 30.  
Walter Stewart, aged 22.  
Anna Maust, aged 10.  
Eloped to Mountain Lake Park, Md., July 29.  
Medford Moyer, aged 23.  
Elizabeth Kennedy, aged 18.  
Eloped to Cumberland, July 29.  
Rex Reynolds, aged 23.  
Helen Lavery, aged 16.  
Eloped to Cumberland, July 28.

"The elopement of one of the California couples, had as many thrills in it as the romance of Rosamond and Claude Eclair. The principal actors were the elopers, Harold Jennings and Miss Helen Gladys Collins; irate parents of the girl, watchful relatives, policeman, taxi jehus, accomodating B. and O. train crew, parson, interested friends and gossip neighbors.

"Principal events in the drama comprised the meeting of the runaway in Pittsburgh on Tuesday after many tribulations; only to find that they were a bit late for the B. and O. train which was to have carried them to Cumberland; a wild ride in a taxi cab to Braddock where they made a flying connection with the train; evasion of possible interference at Cumberland; the return to Donora, where the groom works, and further interference by policeman there. The last act concluded with the return to California of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings to defy if any one who might try to put asunder their marriage ties; for verness, Bless you my children.

—Curtain.

"Now that it's all over Mr. and Mrs. Jennings are willing to laugh over their troubles as they tell their friends all about it.

"The romance began about three years ago when the Collins family moved to California from Ohio. Gladys, then a girl of 13, attended the Normal. Her home was near the Jennings' residence on Wood street and before long Harold was noticed carrying Gladys' books to and from school. Soon they became sweethearts in earnest and for three years have been true lovers. The parents of the girl objected strenuously when a wedding was proposed. She was too young they said."

**His Little Task.**

"I have to try to pull off something unpresentable today.  
"A prizefight? You can't do it in this jurisdiction."  
"No; I'm going to try to pull off a porous plaster."—Kansas City Journal

How many could be made happy with the blessings which are reckoned by

## LOCAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Walker of Uniontown were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart over Sunday.

Miss May Stewart, of Dunbar was an over Sunday visitor with Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, of McKean avenue.

Miss Laura Crouch, of Ford City who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lee Showers of Crest avenue returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Whitlatch, of Rices Landing visited friends here over Sunday.

Glenn Sharpnack of Rices Landing visited at the home of his brother, S. Walton Sharpnack over Sunday.

Roy Sharpnack, assistant manager of Eldora Park spent Sunday at his home in Rices Landing.

Editor E. C. Niver of the Mail and Mirror with Mrs. Niver have returned home from Chautauqua, where they spent two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Oswald of Ford City visited last week at the home of Bert Bowser of Shady avenue.

Miss Erma Holyfield returned today from a two week's visit at Morgantown, W. Va., with friends.

Frank Chew left last Wednesday on his vacation trip. He expects to be gone two weeks. He was in St. Louis when last heard from.

Mrs. Lena Beall and sons are enjoying the breezes of the Cheat river at the Castle.

A campaign party of nine persons left this morning for Bedford county, where they will camp for some weeks. In the party were Harry Stech, Ed. Wolf, Ed. Stech, Joseph Stech, Lawrence Stech, David Stewart, Thomas Umbel, Andrew Allshouse, and Joseph Baldwin.

Patrolman Gust Brickner returned this morning from Johnstown and Carrolltown, where he spent his vacation.

Miss Fannie Arrison returned Sunday evening from State College, where she took a course during June and July.

### Will Meet Tuesday.

A meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of Charleroi will convene on Tuesday evening at the meeting rooms of the association in the Odd Fellows building at the corner of Fifth street and Washington avenue. They will take up matters pertaining to the entertainment of the county convention to be held in Charleroi this month.

## Classified Ads.

**WANTED**—500 men to work on State roads near Charleroi borough. Hastings and Piper, contractors, Charleroi, Pa. 31114

**AGENTS WANTED**—to sell sickness and accident policies on one dollar month plan, protecting wage earners for loss of time. Answer in writing, Frankfurt General Insurance Company, Machesney Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. 31146p

**WANTED**—Buyers for 5 lots on Meadow avenue. Can get cut price if all are sold at once. See Charles O. Frye this week. 30913

**WANTED**—Daw's works at place for washing. Mrs. Sreptkash, 1109 Crest avenue. 2944p

**FOR SALE**—At a bargain if sold soon. Property on Seventh street, North Charleroi for information inquire at Blythe's Real Estate office in Night Building Charleroi. 30944p

## MYSTERY IN

**DEATH OF MINER**

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removed to the morgue of W. F. Reppert. The opinion is that death was directly due to dislocation of the neck.

An investigation will be made by a coroner's jury tonight at 7:30 o'clock into the death. The jury has already been appointed, and will consist of Evan S. Young, H. N. Beazell, C. A. Beazell, Harrison Husher, G. L. Dodd and Conrad Metz.

Coneghan was a man well known

among the miners of the Belle Vernon vicinity. He lived on Belle Vernon hill, was married and had five children.

Jacksals and Crocodile Eggs. Jacksals and livers are very fond of white eggs. The former is the more successful poacher of the two. Natives of central Africa say that the jackal has sixteen eyes, with one of which he catches the eggs and with the other fifteen he looks out for the crocodile. The hyena, on the other hand, being very greedy, has all his eyes on the eggs and so often falls a victim to the watchful crocodile in motionless hiding. The natives say, too, that the crocodile sometimes knocks its prey off the bank or off the canoe with its tail and then seizes it with its wide open jaws.

## THE INWARDNESS OF PILES

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